

**TENTATIVE MINUTES****BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

The Board of Education of Baltimore County met in open session at 5:45 p.m. at Greenwood. President JoAnn C. Murphy and the following Board members were present: Ms. Frances A. S. Harris, Mr. John A. Hayden, III, Mr. Earnest E. Hines, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. Mary-Margaret O'Hare, Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Jr., and Miss Annette Karanja. In addition, Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent of Schools, and staff members were present.

Ms. Murphy reminded Board members of community functions and Board of Education events scheduled in July and August.

Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article, §10-508(a)(1) and (a)(7) and upon motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board commenced its closed session at 5:50 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, met in closed session at 5:50 p.m. at Greenwood. President JoAnn C. Murphy and the following Board members were present: Ms. Frances A. S. Harris, Mr. John A. Hayden, III, Mr. Earnest E. Hines, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. Mary-Margaret O'Hare, Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Jr., and Miss Annette Karanja. In addition, Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent of Schools, and the following staff members were present: J. Robert Haines, Esq., Deputy Superintendent; Ms. Rita Fromm, Chief of Staff; Mr. William Lawrence, Assistant Superintendent, Northwest Area; Dr. Robert Tomback, Assistant Superintendent, Northeast Area; Ms. Jean Satterfield, Assistant Superintendent, Southeast Area; Mr. Lyle Patzkowsky, Assistant Superintendent, Central Area; Dr. Donald Peccia, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources; Dr. Frances Allen, Manager, Personnel Services; Margaret-Ann Howie, Esq., General Counsel; Edward Novak, Esq., Associate General Counsel; P. Tyson Bennett, Esq., Counsel to the Board of Education; and Ms. Brenda Stiffler, Administrative Assistant to the Board.

Dr. Peccia reviewed with Board members personnel matters to be considered on the evening's agenda.

Dr. Peccia, Dr. Allen, and Mr. Novak exited the room at 5:58 p.m.

Mr. Bennett provided legal advice to the Board regarding a hearing officer's opinion to be considered on the evening's agenda.

Mr. Bennett provided the Board with an update on the lawsuit file concerning the McKinney-Vento Act.

At 6:05 p.m., Mr. Hayden moved the Board adjourn closed session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Janssen and approved by the Board.

### OPEN SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, reconvened in open session at 7:31 p.m. at Greenwood. President JoAnn C. Murphy and the following Board members were present: Ms. Frances A. S. Harris, Mr. John A. Hayden, III, Mr. Earnest E. Hines, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. Mary-Margaret O'Hare, Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Jr., Ms. Joy Shillman, and Miss Annette Karanja. In addition, Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent of Schools, and staff members were present.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The open session commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, which was led by Miss Annette Karanja, new student Board representative, followed by a period of silent meditation for those who have served education in the Baltimore County Public Schools.

Hearing no additions or corrections to the Open and Closed Minutes of May 20, 2008; and the Open and Closed Minutes of June 10, 2008, Ms. Murphy declared the minutes approved as presented on the Web site.

Ms. Murphy informed the audience of the sessions in which Board members had participated earlier in the afternoon.

### SELECTION OF SPEAKERS

After collecting completed sign-up cards, Ms. Murphy announced the names of persons who would be speaking during the public comment portion of the meeting as well as the order in which the persons would be called.

### ADVISORY AND STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS

Mr. Boyd Crouse, Coordinator of the Area Education Advisory Council, endorsed the intent of changes to Policy 8311 and 8315 to address current issues and properly plan for the future. He reiterated that stakeholders groups and community input must remain an integral part of the business meeting agenda. Mr. Crouse also requested that stakeholder group speaking time increase to five minutes to compensate for the proposed changes in these policies. He thanked the school system and the Board for the opportunity to serve as coordinator.

Ms. Jasmine Shriver and Ms. Laurie Taylor-Mitchell, representatives of the Central Area Educational Advisory Council, commented on the ventilation problem at Ridgely Middle School and its recent renovation, and the problems with the lack of air conditioning in county schools.

ADVISORY AND STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS (cont)

Mr. Kent Smith, Chair of the Northeast Area Educational Advisory Council, reported that the council, at its June 4 meeting, selected its officers for the next school year. Mr. Smith stated that he was glad that the request for the Loch Raven High School addition had been rescinded and the Harford Hills Elementary School bus loop was on the site improvement list. He announced the council would have its pre-operating budget hearing on September 24, 2008, at Eastern Technical High School.

Ms. Jasmine Shriver, together with representatives of the Baltimore County Education Coalition, asked the Board for a list of schools that are air conditioned as defined by the coalition. Ms. Laura Mullen stated that the window project at Ridgely Middle School has been fraught with errors. Ms. Mullen presented almost 300 letters to the Board from parents and families that ask for the chillers to be installed at Ridgely Middle School immediately.

Mr. John Desmone, Executive Director of the Council of Administrative and Supervisory Employees (CASE), stated that there have been productive discussions with CASE and the building professional association to develop a compensation structure that represents all members of the unit while addressing the legitimacy of the building administrators. With respect to the master agreement, Mr. Desmone stated that the present agreement could be expanded to meet the wide variety of needs for CASE-eligible employees.

Ms. Nancy Ostrow, President of the PTA Council of Baltimore County, stated that she looks forward to working with elected officers and appointed members to continue promoting the mission and purpose of the PTA. Ms. Ostrow announced that the PTA Fall Reception and Workshop will be held on October 23, 2008, at New Town High School.

Ms. Cheryl Bost, President of the Teachers Association of Baltimore County, expressed the following concerns with revisions to Superintendent's Rule 6500 (Exhibit S): 1) it may be difficult to find full-time test examiners that are certified; 2) items 8, 12, 13, and 15 under "Violations" should state *knowingly* fail to report test scores; and item 10 refers to "transmission of text," which refers to a computer, would prohibit a teacher or test examiner from using e-mail for communication during testing.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

There was no Superintendent's report for this evening.

RECOGNITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Donald Peccia, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, recognized the administrative appointments made at the June 10, 2008 Board meeting:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
<u>JERRY L. DALTON</u> (Effective July 1, 2008)	Independent Consultant	Coordinator, Psychometrician Department of Research, Accountability, and Assessment
<u>STACEY L. DURKOVIC</u> (Effective July 1, 2008)	On Sabbatical Leave Previously Assistant Principal Timber Grove Elementary School	Principal Prettyboy Elementary School
<u>LIGERI P. KOURTESIS</u> (Effective July 1, 2008)	Assistant Principal New Town Elementary School	Principal Middleborough Elementary School
<u>LYNETTE M. MITZEL</u> (Effective July 1, 2008)	Program Specialist Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association	Supervisor, Office of Athletics
<u>JENNIFER M. MULLENAX</u> (Effective July 1, 2008)	Assistant Principal Chapel Hill Elementary School	Assistant to the Area Assistant Superintendent, Central Area
<u>PAMELA A. OLIVER-JONES</u> (Effective July 1, 2008)	Teacher/Classroom Pinewood Elementary School	Assistant Principal New Town Elementary School
<u>KATHLEEN V. OWENS</u> (Effective July 1, 2008)	Teacher/Reading Golden Ring Middle School	Assistant Principal Windsor Mill Middle School
<u>ROBERT J. SNYDER</u> (Effective July 1, 2008)	Retired Assistant Principal Sollers Point Technical High School	Coordinator, Quality Management Systems Department of Research, Accountability, and Assessment
<u>JUAN F. STEPTER</u> (Effective July 1, 2008)	Previously Assistant Principal Chesapeake High School	Assistant Principal Overlea High School

### RECOGNITION OF ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Donald Peccia, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, recognized the advisory council appointments made at the June 10, 2008 Board meeting:

- Ms. Melanie Brockman Central Area Education Advisory Council – new member
- Ms. Laura Mullen Central Area Education Advisory Council – new member

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2008-2009

Dr. Hairston presided during the election of the president of the Board of Education of Baltimore County. Dr. Hairston asked for nominations for the office of president. Ms. O'Hare nominated Ms. Murphy. Mr. Pallozzi seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, Dr. Hairston closed the nominations for the office of president. The motion to select Ms. Murphy was passed (favor-9; abstain-1).

Ms. Murphy assumed the chair and requested nominations for the office of vice president of the Board of Education. Mr. Pallozzi nominated Mr. Parker. Ms. Harris seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, Ms. Murphy closed the nominations for the office of vice president. The motion to elect Mr. Parker as vice president of the Board of Education was passed (favor-10).

### OLD BUSINESS

#### **Board of Education Policies**

The Board Policy Committee, represented by Ms. Harris, recommended approval of two policies. This is the third reading.

On motion of Mr. Pallozzi, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board approved the following proposed policies:

- Proposed Deletion of Policy 4212 – PERSONNEL: Classified-Creation and Abolition of Positions
- Proposed Changes to Policy 6212 – INSTRUCTION: Purpose of the Evening High School Program

Miss Karanja abstained from voting on these policies.

## REPORTS

The Board received the following reports:

- A. **Fiscal Year 2010 Operating and Capital Budget Schedules** – Ms. Barbara Burnopp, Chief Financial Officer, outlined the FY 2010 operating and capital budget schedules for the upcoming school year. Ms. Burnopp also distributed the FY2009 Adopted Operating Budget to the Board.

Mr. Hayden asked how many people have attended previous capital pre-budget hearings. Ms. Burnopp responded that, while capital pre-budget hearings are not well attended, the school system is working with the area advisory councils to promote the hearings. Mr. Hayden strongly suggested the promotion of the capital pre-budget hearings.

- B. **Report on Baltimore County Public School's (BCPS) Organization Charts for 2008-2009** – Dr. Donald Peccia, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, reviewed with Board members the organization charts for the 2008-2009 school year. In accordance with Policy 2310, organization charts have been prepared and designate the relationship of employees within the school system. Dr. Peccia noted that all organization charts are available on line at [http://www.bcps.org/system/org\\_charts/](http://www.bcps.org/system/org_charts/).

Mr. Parker asked whether there were any significant changes from last year. Dr. Hairston responded that two assistant superintendent positions in the Division of Curriculum and Instruction were collapsed to the sole position of associate superintendent, and that four new positions in the Department of Research, Accountability, and Assessment had been added.

Mr. Hayden inquired about the Board's request that one research position be assigned to the Board. Dr. Hairston responded that the funding agency did not approve the funding of the Board position and moved it back to the Department of Research, Accountability, and Assessment.

- C. **Report on Naming of Library Project at Fort Garrison Elementary School** – Mr. William Lawrence, Assistant Superintendent, Northwest Area, presented the naming of the library project at Fort Garrison Elementary School. Principal Susan Hershfeld stated that the renovations include shelving, a new floor, new furniture, and a centerpiece. She also noted that funds for this project have been raised through donations.

Mr. Hayden moved that the Board suspend the three-reading process for this item and vote for approval this evening. Mr. Palozzi seconded the motion. The Board approved waiving the three-reading process (favor-10).

### REPORTS (cont)

On a motion of Mr. Hayden, seconded by Ms. Harris, the Board approved the naming of the library project at Fort Garrison Elementary School to *The Allan and Charlene Macht Library* (favor-10).

### PERSONNEL MATTERS

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board approved the personnel matters as presented on exhibits G, H, I, J, and K (Copies of the exhibits are attached to the formal minutes). Miss Karanja abstained from voting.

### CONSIDERATION OF HEARING EXAMINER'S OPINION

On motion of Mr. Janssen, seconded by Mr. Hayden, the Board affirmed the hearing examiner's opinion in case #08-14 (favor-9). Miss Karanja did not vote on this item.

### BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS

The Building and Contracts Committee, represented by Ms. Shillman, recommended approval of items 1-39 (exhibit L). Mr. Janssen separated item 34 for further discussion. Mr. Janssen abstained from voting on item 29.

The Board approved these recommendations.

1. Contract Modification: *Algebraic Thinking*
2. Contract Modification: Project SEED for Elementary Mathematics
3. Contract Modification: Special Education Therapy Services
4. 2008 PSAT/NMSQT Early Participation Program
5. Asphalt and Concrete Work
6. College Readiness Mathematics Curriculum Textbooks and Support Materials
7. Eighth Grade Language Arts Curriculum Textbooks and Support Materials for *SpringBoard*
8. Elementary ESOL and Support Materials
9. Flexible Benefits Administrator
10. Food Products
11. French I Curriculum Textbooks and Support Materials
12. Graphics and Media Software Upgrade
13. Information Technology Contracted Staffing Services
14. Language Laboratories

BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS (cont)

15. *LANGUAGE!* Supplies/Materials and Training
16. MSA Home Report Distribution
17. Maintenance, Repair, and Installation of Floor Tiles
18. On-call Fencing Services
19. Physical Exams, Retirement System Physicals
20. Pre-calculus Curricula Textbooks and Support Materials
21. Spanish I Curriculum Textbooks and Support Materials
22. National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance Purchasing Consortium
23. Vehicle Parts and Materials
24. Web-based Courses
25. Wireless Access Points and Controllers
26. Contract Modification: Renovation – Hereford Middle School
27. Contract Modification: Renovation – Old Court Middle School
28. Contract Modification: Renovation – General John Stricker Middle School
29. Contract Modification: General Contractor Construction Services Contract – Renovation-Perry Hall Middle School
30. Contract Modification: Systemic and Programmatic Renovation – Sudbrook Magnet Middle School
31. Contract Modification: Systemic and Programmatic Renovation – Sudbrook Magnet Middle School
32. Contract Modification: Construction Management Services – Vincent Farm Elementary School
33. Window, Blind, and Door Replacement – Deep Creek Elementary School
35. Roof Replacement – Joppa View Elementary School
36. Boiler Replacement – Shady Spring Elementary School
37. Fee Acceptance: Design Consultant Services – Architectural/ Engineering (A/E) Services for HVAC Renovations at Chesapeake High School
38. Fee Acceptance: Design Consultant Services – Architectural/ Engineering (A/E) Services for HVAC Renovations at Loch Raven High School
39. Fee Acceptance: Design Consultant Services – Architectural/ Engineering (A/E) Services for Auditorium and Gym Renovations at Woodlawn High School



BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS (cont)

**Item #34**

Mr. Janssen expressed his opposition to this item. He voiced concern about how the Board is prioritizing its spending and one of these additions is in an area where there is adequate facility space.

Ms. Shillman asked how many students would be accommodated through the construction of additions to Hillcrest Elementary School and Catonsville Middle School. Mr. Sines responded that two hundred students would be served at Hillcrest Elementary School. Mr. Sines stated the information for Catonsville Middle School would be provided to the Board in the Friday Letter.

The Board approved item 34 (favor-7; abstained-2; opposed-1). Mr. Hayden and Miss Karanja abstained from voting on this item. Mr. Janssen opposed this item.

34. Additions at Hillcrest Elementary School and Catonsville Middle School

REVISED FISCAL YEAR 2009 STATE AND COUNTY CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Ms. Shillman moved to separate the vote on state and capital budget requests. Ms. Murphy asked Board's counsel whether two separate votes could be taken with Mr. Bennett responding in the affirmative. Ms. Harris seconded the motion.

Ms. O'Hare asked whether schools receiving new windows will receive windows that open, and if not, what consideration has been given to air conditioning or ventilation. Mr. Sines referred to the Phi Delta Kappa (PDK) audit, which recommended that the school system address the maintenance issues and elevate capital programs. He stated that the school system is favorably placed to raise the bar, conduct feasibility studies, and move high schools at a higher level. Mr. Sines noted that renovations were targeted to address the critical infrastructure and, where possible, include air conditioning. Ms. Burnopp noted that the monies had to go towards projects that were already on the list approved by the Board. Ms. O'Hare commented that a bond issue for air conditioning all Baltimore County schools might be necessary.

The Board approved separating the state and county budgets (favor-9). Miss Karanja did not vote.

On motion of Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board approved the revised FY 2009 state capital budget request, as presented in exhibit M (favor-9). Miss Karanja did not vote.

Mr. Palozzi moved to approve the revised FY 2009 county capital budget request as presented in exhibit M. Mr. Parker seconded the motion.

REVISED FISCAL YEAR 2009 STATE AND COUNTY BUDGET  
REQUESTS (cont)

Ms. Shillman stated that she is not in favor of allocating money to tennis courts and parking lots. She would like to see the money allocated to chillers. Ms. Burnopp stated that the school system must stay within the category of site improvement, and chillers do not fall under that category.

Ms. O'Hare asked whether the Department of Recreation and Parks could assume some of the costs of maintaining or constructing tennis courts and outdoor tracks. Mr. Sines responded that the tennis courts and parking lots serve the school system and that BCPS has the responsibility to maintain school property.

Mr. Janssen stated that there should be a separate discussion on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department of Recreation and Parks. He stated that the tracks belong to BCPS, and there are unsafe conditions at some schools.

Miss Karanja stated that Sparrows Point Middle/High School recently received a renovated track, and there was an increase in student athletic participation. A renovated facility motivates students to participate in their schools, help out in the community, do well in studies, and be proud of their schools. A lot of time students do not participate due to inadequate materials and poor quality of outdoor facilities.

The Board approved the revised FY 2009 county capital budget request as presented in exhibit M (favor-8; abstained-1). Ms. Shillman abstained from voting, and Miss Karanja did not vote.

PROPOSED SCIENCE CURRICULUM, PREK-12

The Curriculum Committee, represented by Ms. O'Hare, recommended approval of the curricular program.

On motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Pallozzi, the Board approved the Proposed Science curriculum, PreK-12, as presented in exhibit N.

RENOVATIONS OF SOLLERS POINT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

On motion of Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board approved the renovations to the J. Bruce Turner Track at Sollers Point Technical High School.

### INFORMATION

The Board received the following as information:

- A. Financial Report for Months Ending May 31, 2007 and 2008
- B. Board of Education Policies Scheduled for Review in School Year 2008-2009
- C. Revised Superintendent's Rule 6111 – INSTRUCTION: School Calendar
- D. Revised Superintendent's Rule 6500 – INSTRUCTION: Standardized Testing
- E. Revised Superintendent's Rule 7330 – NEW CONSTRUCTION: Financing-Capital Projects that are Funded by Private Donations

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Murphy made the following announcements:

- The Board of Education of Baltimore County will be meeting to conduct a retreat on Saturday, August 9, 2008, beginning at 8:30 a.m., at Greenwood. The meeting is open to the public.
- The Board of Education of Baltimore County will hold its next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, August 12, 2008, at Greenwood. The meeting will begin with an open session at approximately 5:00 p.m. The Board will then adjourn to meet in closed session, which will be followed by a brief dinner recess. The open session will reconvene at approximately 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome to all open sessions.

Ms. Murphy stated that public comment is one of the opportunities provided so that the Board can hear the views and receive the advice of community members. The members of the Board appreciate hearing from interested citizens and will take their comments into consideration, even though it is not the Board's practice to take action immediately. When appropriate, the Board will refer concerns to the superintendent for follow-up by his staff.

While the Board encourages public input on policy, programs, and practices within the purview of this Board and this school system, this is not the proper avenue to address specific student or employee matters, or to comment on matters that do not relate to public education in Baltimore County. The Board encourages everyone to utilize existing avenues of redress for complaints. Inappropriate personal remarks or other behavior that disrupts or interferes with the conduct of this meeting are out of order.

Ms. Murphy also asked speakers to observe the light system, which lets the speaker know when their allotted time has ended. She asked speakers to conclude their remarks when they see the red light.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY 3215

No one from the public signed up to speak on this policy.

Ms. Harris reminded Board members that the proposed change to the procedure will be that once the contingency is voted upon the contract will not come back to the Board for approval unless the amount goes beyond the contingency. She stated that staff could provide a list to the Board of contracts which go into the contingency percentage.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY 3230

No one from the public signed up to speak on this policy.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY 3240

No one from the public signed up to speak on this policy.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY 3250

No one from the public signed up to speak on this policy.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY 3260

No one from the public signed up to speak on this policy.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY 8311

Mr. John Desmone expressed concern that the proposed change would not provide CASE the same opportunities in the future. He also expressed concern that the business meetings would be a timed, rubber-stamped work session. Mr. Desmone stated that unless the Board plans to open the work session to some type of public input, the reworked policy would provide the public with little opportunity. He asked the Board to adjust the policy to provide for better access for public input.

Ms. Cheryl Bost shared the same concerns as the previous speaker. She also expressed concern that work sessions would take the place of current Board business meetings. Ms. Bost stated that stakeholder groups and the public need time to provide input to the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLICY 8315

Ms. Nancy Ostrow stated that she was in favor of the proposed policy revisions. She commented that the current policy is vague and does not adequately define stakeholder groups.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Bash Pharoan stated that the Board has accomplished much over the past year; however, it has failed in the areas of proper maintenance, employee salary increases, and addressing the issue of “non-COMAR holidays.”

Mr. Mark Clemens expressed concern that transportation for Eastern Technical High School is not being provided for students residing in the southeast area. He asked the Board to look into this matter.

Ms. Victoria Airey thanked the Board for requesting a proposal to continue the Baltimore County Virtual Instruction Program (BCVIP). She asked the Board to see it through the process and find a way to fund the program.

Mr. Andrew Bolton expressed concern over the lack of process and communication related to using the Ridge Ruxton site for a second freestanding school. He asked the Board to engage the community and find a long-term solution for overcrowding in the Towson area.

Mr. Foster Nichols quoted some excerpts from the Board’s Norms and Master Plan on respect to community involvement.

Mr. James Wesselhoff stated he was pleased that the Board has requested a proposal to continue the BCVIP. This program provides a choice of options, helps low-performing students receive individualized attention, and serves more students in a rural area.

Ms. Margaret Fonshell-Ward believes BCPS failed to communicate with the Ridge Ruxton community regarding the new school on the current Ridge Ruxton site. She asked the Board to subject this entire construction proposal to the full panoply of approval and process starting with open communications with the Ridge Ruxton community.

Ms. Kathy Palencar stated that placing a second school on the Ridge Ruxton site is not a good long-term solution. She urged the Board to relocate the magnet school and return Ridge Ruxton School to a regular elementary school. Ms. Palencar also asked the Board to meet with the affected communities sooner rather than later.

Mr. Christian Smith stated that he opposes building a second comprehensive school on the current Ridge Ruxton School site. He stated that it would be appropriate for the Board to identify a site and move forward with constructing a new facility to service the special education students for the current Ridge Ruxton students, and return Ridge Ruxton School to a regular elementary school. Mr. Smith requested that the Board or a BCPS representative meet with community associations.

Ms. Kay Hardisky asked the Board to find a long-term solution to address the high temperatures at Ridgely Middle School. She suggested that BCPS close any school when a classroom reaches 90 degrees. Ms. Hardisky also asked the Board to consider freestanding air coolers or window air conditioners.

ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business, the Board adjourned its meeting at 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joe A. Hairston  
Secretary-Treasurer

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